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Swanson Names Kapp New Vice President

FACULTY APPROVES RETENTION OF GREEKS

After nearly two terms in committee, the Greek issue finally emerged from the Student Affairs Committee, and was placed before the faculty for their acceptance or rejection. Finally, last Tuesday evening during the faculty meeting, the faculty, by a voice vote, approved both the retention of the Greek system on Alma's campus and the major recommendations of the Student Affairs Committee.

Although the Greek System was overwhelmingly accepted by the faculty, nevertheless through the debate and discussion which preceded the faculty vote, it was understood by the faculty that the continued existence of the Greeks on campus would be accompanied by "a vigorous effort to implement reform".

Among the major recommendations passed by the faculty with respect to the Greek System are

1) Fraternities and sororities should "investigate areas which would accommodate their needs for recreational or housing space.

2) "Rush and pledge programs be shortened and restricted to time periods which do not seriously interfere with the academic calendar. Further, we recom-

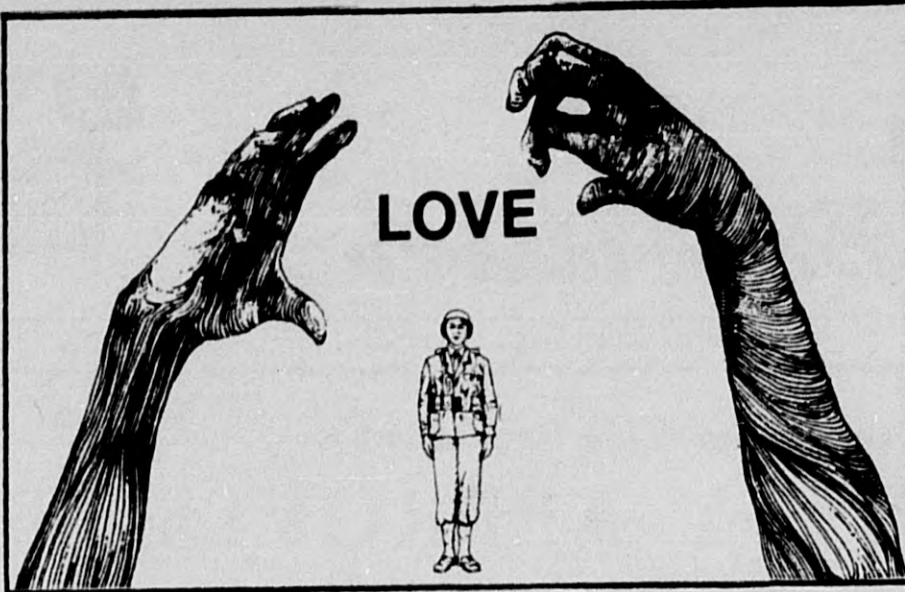
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our world, our country, and our God. Three factors suddenly erupting into chaos, devastation, and death.

Across the face of the planet we see war, famine, disease and other retrogressions that if adhered to will bring about the total annihilation of the race of men. IN the far off Biaffran plains we see a five year old child scanning the ground in search of an edible insect or plant. His body is a mass of pointed bones engulfed in a thin coverage of skin. His tar-skinned face is the face of frustration in one too old to forget that he is hungry, and yet too young to realize why. A few yards from him lies the body of one of the so-called liberators of his people. This body lies motionless. The blood-shot eyes stare blankly at the red pool of semi-death that surrounds the head. There is a rifle, cocked but never fired. Across the skies of continents we come upon a valley in South Vietnam. The valley walls echo the screams of a woman who has just discovered the remains of her two children. A bunch of charred bones and clothing bured beneath the bombed out wreckage of what was once a home. With hysterical apprehension she begins to run, faster, faster, destination unknown, just running trying to outrun the realization of death. She comes to a cliff, and the running and agony of life ends here.

Our country. America home of the brave, land of the free! America, the haven for the democratic principles of the world. Or is it!

What of America the fallacy? What of the America with its corrupt politicians, and its glory seeking military? Yes, what about the other face of our nation? The face with poverty laden cities and millions of idle workers. The face with student and racial rebellions.



The face that is dotted with the cities that echo the gunshots, that testify to the fact that the dream of our great founding fathers has yet to become real. A dream that promised to every American, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Let us not forget to give recognition to the American military who throw countless numbers of American lives into the pit of war. To the polititians that make laws more for their own good than for the good of the nation. To the police forces who protest us by beating our brothers, sisters, and children. To the money-pinching landlords that charge \$85.00 rates for rat-infested torn down shacks. To the "nigger" haters. To those of us who laughed at the death of King, shouted a "it serves them right" after "Daley's massacre" and then stood silent when American soldiers died and American churches were bombed.

Our God, thrust many times into the affairs of men. Men who pray for someone to remove the responsibility of evil from their backs. Men who ask their special being to condone them for their wrong doing, and condemn their evil brothers. It seems to me that we have forgotten the meaning of God. For if we hadn't there would be no religious wars, no burning crosses, and no men asking His hand to guide them and their missiles on their ventures of destruction. To me God is love, and there seems to be little of that in our world today.

Our world, our country, our God. Three factors that have erupted into chaos, devastation, and death. But also the factors that can form the

foundation of a world living in peace. For here is the challenge of humanity; here is the answer that Kennedy searched for when he tried to guide a nation to peace. Here is the land that King longed to reach as he led his people out of hundreds of years of submission. We must realize the importance of being men. We must realize that it is not a question of waging war today in order to secure

peace tomorrow, but rather a question of securing peace today so that war will be unknown tomorrow. It is not a question of tearing down today's establishment so that our establishment tomorrow will be founded on a basis of freedom and equality for all, but realizing that the ability to restore freedom and equality to the nation and the world in the hearts of every man is just as important now as it will be then. A man once said that he had a dream. His dream is no farther than a footstep away from you. His dream is the smiling faces of the Barbs and Sues, the Jeris, and Johns. All we have to do is drop the front and accept them for what they are, people! People who share the same trials and tribulations as you, people that want what you want, and people who need what you need! Just a little bit of love.

I don't feel that it's as hard as we think. But if I'm wrong than our world will crumble, our nation will shatter and our God will be forgotten in the minds of men.

Cedric J. Franklin

"We who are radicals have a task much different than the salvation of liberalism---to champion the values which made us radicals to begin with. No champion worthy of the name tries to disappear just when the fighting is starting to get good. This is no time for taking cover on behalf of somebody else's disagreeable vision of the good-enough society. It is a time, rather, to drink lots of orange juice, do 50 push-ups a day, turn on to one another with our fullest gaiety and love, and transform every attack upon ourselves into a still happier and more piercing attack upon those whose crimes created us."

---Carl Oglesby

- April 18 Niagara Falls School, New York
Miller, Bailey, Smith & Dale
- April 21 National Bank of Detroit
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INSTITUTE OPENS COMPETITION FOR GRADUATE GRANTS

On May 1st, the Institute of International Education will officially open its competition for grants for graduate study or research abroad, and for professional training in the creative and performing arts during the academic year 1970-71.

The purpose of the grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

HE annually conducts the competition for U.S. Government Awards under the Fulbright-Hays Act and the competition for grants offered by various foreign governments, universities,

and private donors. Although U.S. Government funding for the past year was severely cut and the total number of grants reduced from 825 to approximately 275. It is expected that there will be at least this number of awards available for 1970-71. No definite information on quotas has yet been received.

Candidates who wish to apply for an award must be U.S. citizens at the time of application, have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent before the beginning date of the grant and, in most cases, be proficient in the language of the host country. Selections will be made on the basis of academic and/or professional record,

Student Council Welcomes Theta Chi's

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With the vote of Student Council on March 5th, the twenty-one men of Theta Chi were officially recognized as a new fraternity. Approval from the administration the week before had followed nearly six months of building by the group. IFC acted on March 4 unanimously electing Theta Chi to be a full member. The next night. Student Council also unanimously approved them to function as a student group. Formal initiation, or "colonization" will occur

Yelle Sets Record

TRACKMEN BEAT SPRING ARBOR

Don Yelle set a new 100- and 120- yd. high hurdles and also record in the 440- yd. run, as the track team posted a 109-27 victory over Spring Arbor in dual meet competition last Saturday. The Scots took 14 of 16 first places, with Yelle winning the mile in a record of 4:26. Chuck Wiggins came in for three firsts, the 220 and 440 yard runs, and a place on the winning 440 yard relay team. Double winners included Roger Eddy and Steve List. Eddy captured the 100- yd. dash and ran a leg on the winning 440 yd. relay team. List took the

120 yd. high hurdles and also ran a leg on the 440 yd. relay. Individual winners for the Alma trackmen were Dale Billinger in the shot put, Dick Langers in the discus, Jack Linger with the javelin, and Tom Layton in the triple jump. The Alma trackmen were defeated by Spring Arbor in the dual meet which took place at the Grand Junction track on Saturday.

Alma Choir to Participate in Requiem

The Alma College A Cappella Choir, Saginaw Choral Society and Saginaw Symphony will join in presentations of Berlioz's "Requiem" to be presented in Saginaw on Sunday, April 27, and in Alma on Tuesday, April 29.

The concert in Saginaw will be presented Sunday evening in the Saginaw Auditorium.

The Alma concert will be in the Alma College Physical Education Center at 8 p.m.

More than 300 musicians, including four brass choirs, will participate in the presentations.

Alma organizations who are supporting the presentations through contributions and ticket sales include the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Alma Women's Club,

and until 3 p.m. on weekends. Student activity calendars are now available at the Union Office.

Alma Chapter of the American Association of University Women, and the Alma College Student Council.

This attraction is made possible with the support of the Michigan State Council for the Arts. Recommended by former Governor George Romney and created by the 1966 legislature, the council provides a wide variety of programs and services in the performing and visual arts available to community groups and organizations throughout the state.

For further information on how this agency can contribute to the cultural growth of your community, write to Michigan State Council for the Arts, 210 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

TENNIS TEAM VICTORIOUS

The Scots' tennis team snatched Grand Valley State in a home tennis meet last Saturday by the score 7-2. Kasper swept 5 of 6 singles matches, and 2 of 3 doubles matches on the way to victory. Richard Smith and Tim Lutes came from behind to win in the singles competition, while team captain Dennis Williams went 3 sets

before beating GVSU's Doug Bentley, Jim Lewis and Benga Ordein scored 2 set wins in singles, while the team of Smith-Hurry pulled the same feat in doubles competition. The doubles team of Lutes-Williams made a fine comeback after losing their first set less to win a tough match with Dennis Williams went 3 sets two 4-1.

SCOTS LOSE DOUBLEHEADER

Alma's baseball team found Wayne State's to be a stiff competitor, dropping doubleheader 10-0 and 1-1. Pitching and catching were our main openers for the players. In the first game, Wayne collected four runs on 6 hits in a single, then two errors and two more singles accounted for the 6 runs allowing Wayne to coast in for a 10-0 victory. Jack Ward and Roger Frayer collected hits only two hits of the opening game.

The second game saw Alma trailing again 1-0 in the third, when singles by Jeff Johnson, Jack Ward, and Roger Frayer produced a run to tie the game 1-1. Pitchers Gary Ernst and Tim Berg kept Wayne batters in check till the top of the seventh when they scored two runs on two singles and on two costly Alma errors, winning the game 3-1 to complete the doubleheader sweep. Pete Schmidt and Roger Frayer had two hits each in the second game, while Ward, Johnson, and Fuzak each had one hit.

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